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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, ECON, DR

SUBJ: MEETING WITH PRESIDENT BALAGUER: POSSIBLE SALE OF  
ITALIAN AIRCRAFT

REF: SANTO DOMINGO 5889

DURING MEETING DESCRIBED REFTEL, I MENTIONED TO PRESIDENT  
BALAGUER THAT I HAD BEEN ADVISED THAT DOMINICAN AIR FORCE  
OFFICERS WERE CONTEMPLATING RECOMMENDING TO HIM THE PURCHASE  
OF SEVERAL SMALL ITALIAN AIRCRAFT (SIAI MARCHETTI). BALAGUER  
SAID THAT HE HAD NO MONEY TO PURCHASE AIRCRAFT OF ANY KIND,  
BUT IF HE DID PURCHASE AIRCRAFT THEY WOULD BE OF US MANUFACTURE.  
I LEFT WITH HIM A LIST OF COMPARATIVE CHARACTERISTICS OF THE  
MARCHETTI AND THE CESSNA O-2, STRESSING THE ADVANTAGE OF THE  
LATTER. I POINTED OUT THAT CESSNA WAS PREPARED TO TAKE HIS  
P-51 FLEET IN TRADE, VALUING THE P-51'S AT A TOTAL OF US\$400,000.  
BALAGUER WAS INTRIGUED BY THE POSSIBILITY OF RECEIVING A CREDIT  
FOR HIS ABOUT-TO-BE-JUNKED P-51 FLEET, FOR HE KNEW HE WOULD  
SOON BE OBLIGED TO MAKE SOME GESTURE TO PLACATE THE AIR FORCE'S  
JUSTIFIED DESIRE FOR SOME SORT OF NEW AIRCRAFT AND HE WANTED  
TO DO SO AS CHEAPLY AS POSSIBLE.  
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